

	S	S	F	W
WRENS AND KINGLETS				
Rock Wren - X	C	C	F	
House Wren - X	C	C	F	
Gol.-cr. Kinglet	S		O	
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	S		O	
THRUSHES AND THRASHERS				
Eastern Bluebird - X	U	O	U	
Mount. Bluebird - X	F	F	F	
Town. Solitaire	S		O	R
Veery - Y	O	O	S	
Gray-ch. Thrush	S			
Swainson's Thrush	O	O	S	
American Robin - X.....	C	C	C	U
Gray Catbird - Y	U	U	S	
Brown Thrasher - X.....	F	F	U	
Mockingbird		Ac		
PIPITS AND WAXWINGS				
Sprague's Pipit - Y	U	U	U	
Bohemian Waxwing	U		U	C
Cedar Waxwing - X	U	F	U	U
SHRIKES AND STARLINGS				
Northern Shrike			O	U
Loggerhead Shrike - Y.....	U	F	U	O
European Starling - X	U	R	O	R
VIREOS AND WOOD WARBLERS				
Solitary Vireo	S		S	
Yellow-thr. Vireo			Ac	
Warbling Vireo - Y	U	F	U	
Red-eyed Vireo - X.....	F	C	F	
Tenn. Warbler	O		S	
Or.-cro. Warbler	O		O	
N. Parula	Ac			
Yellow Warbler - X	C	C	C	
Bl.-thr. Blue Warbler		Ac		
Yel.-ru. Warbler	F		S	
Blackpoll Warbler	U	O	S	
Bl. & Wh. Warbler - Y	F	F	F	
Am. Redstart - X	C	C	C	
Ovenbird - X	F	F	F	
N. Waterthrush	S		S	
Mourning Warbler	O		S	
Com. Yellowthroat - X.....	C	C	C	
Wilson's Warbler	S		O	
Yellow-br. Chat - X.....	F	F	F	

	S	S	F	W
TANAGERS, GROSBEAKS AND BUNTINGS				
Western Tanager - Z	O	O		
Rose-b. Grosbeak - Z	O	O	S	
Bl.h. Grosbeak - X	F	F	S	
Lazuli Bunting - X	C	C	F	
Indigo Bunting - Y	S	O	S	
TOWHEES, SPARROWS, JUNCOS AND LONGSPURS				
Rufous-s. Towhee - X	C	C	C	
Am. Tree Sparrow	F		F	R
Chipping Sparrow - X	C	C	C	
Clay-col. Sparrow - Y	C	C	C	
Brewer's Sparrow - Z	S	S	S	
Field Sparrow - X	C	C	C	
Vesper Sparrow - X	C	C	C	
Lark Sparrow - Y	F	F	F	
Lark Bunting - Y	U	R	U	
Savannah Sparrow - Y	S	R	S	
Baird's Sparrow - Y	S	R	S	
Grasshopper Spar. - Y	F	F	U	
Fox Sparrow	S		S	
Song Sparrow - X	U	U	U	
Lincoln's Sparrow	S		S	
Wh.-thr. Sparrow	R		O	Ac
Wh.-cr. Sparrow	U		U	
Harris' Sparrow	U		U	O
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	O
McCown's Longspur - Z	S	S	S	
Lapland Longspur	S		S	O
Smith's Longspur			O	
Ch.-col. Longspur - Y	U	U	U	
Snow Bunting	S		O	O
MEADOWLARKS, BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES				
Bobolink - Y	S	R	S	
Red-w. Blackbird - Y	U	U	U	O
W. Meadowlark - X	C	C	C	O
Yel.-h. Blackbird - Z	S	O	O	
Rusty Blackbird	S		S	O
Brewer's Blackbird - Y	U	R	U	O
Common Grackle - Y	F	F	F	
Brown-h. Cowbird - X	F	F	U	
Orchard Oriole - Y	R	U	U	
Northern Oriole - X	F	F	S	

	S	S	F	W
GROSBEAKS, FINCHES AND REDPOLLS				
Rosy Finch				0
Pine Grosbeak				0
Purple Finch	0		S	0
Red Crossbill	0	0	S	0
Common Redpoll	S			F
Hoary Redpoll	S			0
Pine Siskin - X	0	0		0
American Goldfinch - Y	F	F	F	0
Evening Grosbeak	0		S	0
WEAVER FINCHES				
House Sparrow - Y	U	U	U	U

NOTES

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BIRDS OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK NORTH DAKOTA



Theodore Roosevelt admired and respected the knowledge of John James Audubon. As a result, he became quite an avid bird watcher and spent much time studying natural history. He wrote, "All I can say is that almost as soon as I began to read at all, I began to read about the natural history of beasts and birds...."

When Roosevelt arrived in the North Dakota Badlands in 1883 for a hunting trip, not only was he struck by the beauty of the area but, as a naturalist, he also found the variety of birdlife exhilarating.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park is a 70,446-acre park in three units. A variety of habitats make up the park, including native prairie, north- and south-facing slopes, hardwood and juniper draws, sagebrush flats, and undisturbed Little Missouri River bottomland forest.

The occurrence and status of bird species has been changing since the beginning of time. Visiting birders are asked to inform park personnel if a bird of which they have knowledge is new to the list, nesting has been confirmed, or if its status should be changed.

This list includes 186 species which have been observed in Theodore Roosevelt National Park plus 22 species that have not yet been observed but are suspected of occurring since they have been seen in the immediate area. This list includes 69 species that are known to have nested in the park, 39 species that are probable breeders, and 16 species whose nesting status is uncertain.

SEASONS
S — Spring: March through May
S — Summer: June through July
F — Fall: August through November
W — Winter: December through February

CODE DEFINITION
C — Common species: abundant in suitable habitats; habitat is widespread.
F — Fairly common in most suitable habitats: habitat type is strongly represented.

U — Uncommon: present but not certain to be seen on each trip.
R — Rare: local occurrence within park, low numbers in area.

O — Occasional: seen only a few times a season and not every year.
Ac — Accidental: a species out of normal range; very few records; not expected to occur again or occurs very infrequently.

S — Suspected: not yet observed WITHIN the park or in that season, but has been seen in the area and MAY be present.

E — Extirpated: no longer occurs in the park but did historically.
X — Species that are known to have nested in the park. Active nests with eggs or young, adults and dependent young, etc.

Y — Species suspected to have nested from observation of pair in suitable habitat, singing male, etc.

Z — Nesting status uncertain.

	S	S	F	W
LOONS AND GREBES				
_____Pied-bil. Grebe	O		S	
PELICANS AND CORMORANTS				
_____Am. White Pelican	U	U	U	
_____D.-c. Cormorant	S		Ac	
HERONS AND IBISES				
_____Great Blue Heron - X	F	F	F	
_____Bl.-cr. N.-heron		O		

	S	S	F	W
WATERFOWL				
_____Tundra Swan	S		S	
_____Snow Goose	U		S	
_____Gr. Wh.-f Goose	S		S	
_____Canada Goose - X	F	O	F	O
_____Wood Duck - X	O	O	S	
_____Green-w. Teal - Y	U	R	S	
_____Mallard - X	F	R	O	S
_____Northern Pintail - Z	U	R	S	
_____Blue-winged Teal - X	F	R	S	
_____Cinnamon Teal - Z	S	S	S	
_____N. Shoveler	U	S	S	
_____Gadwall - Y	R	O	S	
_____American Wigeon - Y	R	O	S	
_____Canvasback	O	S	S	
_____Redhead	S		S	
_____Ring-necked Duck	S		S	
_____Lesser Scaup	O	S	S	
_____Common Goldeneye	O		S	S
_____Bufflehead	S		S	
_____Common Merganser	O		S	
_____Ruddy Duck	S		S	

VULTURES AND HAWKS				
_____Turkey Vulture - Y	U	U	U	
_____Ospray			Ac	
_____Bald Eagle	R	S	R	O
_____Northern Harrier - X	C	F	C	O
_____Sharp-shin. Hawk - X	U	U	U	O
_____Cooper’s Hawk - X	U	U	U	O
_____Northern Goshawk	O	O	S	R
_____Swainson’s Hawk - Y	U	U	U	
_____Red-tailed Hawk - X	C	F	C	R
_____Ferruginous Hawk - Z	R	R	R	
_____Rough-leg. Hawk	R		U	R
_____Golden Eagle - X	F	F	F	F
_____American Kestrel - X	C	F	C	O
_____Merlin - X	R	O	R	O
_____Peregrine Falcon - Z	O	O	O	O
_____Prairie Falcon - X	U	U	U	O

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS				
_____Gray Partridge - Y			O	O
_____Ring-n. Pheasant - X	F	F	F	F
_____Sage Grouse - X	S	O	S	S
_____Gr. Pr.-Chicken - Z	E	E	E	E
_____Sharp-t. Grouse - X	F	F	F	F
_____Wild Turkey - X	F	F	U	U

	S	S	F	W
CRANES AND RAILS				
_____Sora - Z	O	S	S	
_____American Coot	O		S	
_____Sandhill Crane	F		C	
_____Whooping Crane	O		O	

PLOVERS AND TURNSTONES				
_____Killdeer - X	F	F	U	
_____Mountain Plover - Y	E	E	E	

SNIPES, SANDPIPERS, & STILTS				
_____American Avocet	O	O	S	
_____Gr. Yellowlegs	S		O	
_____Les. Yellowlegs	S		O	
_____Sol. Sandpiper	O		S	
_____Willet	O		S	
_____Spot. Sandpiper - Y	U	U	U	
_____Upland Sandpiper - X	U	U	U	
_____Eskimo Curlew	E		E	
_____Long-bil. Curlew - Z	S	O		
_____Semipalmated Sandpiper	S	S	S	
_____Least Sandpiper		O		
_____Pectoral Sandpiper	S		S	
_____Common Snipe	S		S	
_____Wilson’s Phalarope	S		S	

GULLS AND TERNS				
_____Franklin’s Gull	O	S	S	
_____Ring-billed Gull	O	O	S	
_____California Gull	S	S	S	
_____Common Tern	S	S	S	
_____Forster’s Tern	S	S	S	
_____Black Tern	S	S	S	

PIGEONS AND CUCKOOS				
_____Rock Dove - Y	O	O	O	O
_____Mourning Dove - X	C	C	C	
_____Passenger Pigeon - Z		EXTINCT		
_____Black-b. Cuckoo - Y	U	U	S	
_____Yellow-b. Cuckoo - Y	S	O	S	

OWLS AND GOATSUCKERS				
_____Barn Owl - Y		O		
_____E. Screech-Owl - Y	R	R	R	R
_____Great Horned Owl - X	F	F	F	F
_____Snowy Owl			S	O
_____Burrowing Owl - X	U	U	U	
_____Great Gray Owl		Ac		

	S	S	F	W
_____Long-eared Owl - Y	R	R	S	
_____Short-eared Owl - Z	S	O	S	O
_____N. Saw-whet Owl - X		O	O	O
_____Common Nighthawk - Y	F	F	C	
_____Poor-will - Y	R	U	R	

HUMMINGBIRDS AND KINGFISHERS				
_____R.-t. Hummingbird	O	O	O	
_____Belted Kingfisher - Y	U	U	U	O

WOODPECKERS				
_____R.h. Woodpecker - X	U	U	U	
_____Downy Woodpecker - X	F	F	F	F
_____Hairy Woodpecker - X	F	F	F	F
_____Common Flicker - X	C	C	C	O

FLYCATCHERS				
_____W. Wood-Pewee - X	S	O	S	
_____Willow Flycatcher - X	S	O	S	
_____Least Flycatcher - X	U	U	U	
_____Say’s Phoebe - X	U	U	U	
_____G. C. Flycatcher	O	O	S	
_____Western Kingbird - X	F	F	F	
_____Eastern Kingbird - X	C	C	C	
_____Scis.-tailed Flycatcher		Ac		

LARKS AND SWALLOWS				
_____Horned Lark - Y	F	F	F	U
_____Tree Swallow - X	U	U	U	
_____Violet-g. Swallow - X	S	R	O	
_____N. R.-w. Swallow - X	F	F	F	
_____Bank Swallow - X	F	F	F	
_____Cliff Swallow - X	F	F	F	
_____Barn Swallow - X	C	C	C	

JAYS, MAGPIES AND CROWS				
_____Blue Jay - X	U	U	U	O
_____Clark’s Nutcracker	S		O	O
_____Black-b. Magpie - X	F	C	C	F
_____American Crow - X	C	F	C	O
_____Common Raven - Z		E	O	S

CHICKADEES, NUTHATCHES AND CREEPERS				
_____B.-c. Chickadee - X	C	C	C	C
_____Red-b. Nuthatch - Z	S	O	S	O
_____White-b. Nuthatch - X	U	F	U	U
_____Brown Creeper	S		S	O